## Hadith # 1, Sahih al-Bukhari, When to break the fast

**1955.** Narrated 'Abdullāh bin Abī Aūfā رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُما: We were in the company of the Prophet ﷺ on a journey and he was observing *Ṣaum* (fast), and when the sun set, he addressed somebody, "O so-and-so, get up and mix *Sawīq* with water for us." He replied, "O Allāh's Messenger! (Will you wait) till it is evening?" The Prophet ﷺ said, "Get down and mix *Sawīq* with water for us." He replied, "O Allāh's Messenger! (If you wait) till it is evening." The Prophet ﷺ said again, "Get down and mix *Sawīq* with water for us." He replied, "It is still daytime."(1) The Prophet ﷺ said again, "Get down and mix *Sawīq* with water for us." He got down and mixed *Sawīq* for them. The Prophet ﷺ drank it and then said, "When you see night falling from this side, the fasting person should break his *Ṣaum* (fast)."

١٩٥٥ - حَدَّثَنَا إِسْحَاقُ الوَاسِطِيُّ: حَدَّثَنَا خَالِدٌ، عَنِ الشَّيْبَانِيِّ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ ابنِ أَبِي أَوْفَى رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: «كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ فِي سَفَرٍ وهُوَ صَائِمٌ، فَلَمَّا غَابَتِ الشَّمْسُ قَالَ لِبَعْضِ القَوْمِ: «يا فُلانُ، قُمْ فاجْدَحْ لَنا»، فَقَالَ: يا رَسُولَ اللهِ لَوْ أَمْسَيْتَ، قَالَ: «انْزِلْ فاجْدَحْ لَنا»، قَالَ: يا رَسُولَ اللهِ فَلَوْ أَمْسَيْتَ، قَالَ: «انْزِلْ فاجْدَحْ لَنا»، قَالَ: إِنَّ عَلَيْكَ نَهاراً. قَالَ: «انْزِلْ فاجْدَحْ لَنا»، فَنَزَلَ فَجَدَحَ لَهُمْ فَشَرِبَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ ثُمَّ قَالَ: «إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ اللَّيْلَ قَدْ أَقْبَلَ مِنْ هاهُنا فَقَدْ أَفْطَرَ الصَّائِمُ». [راجع: ١٩٤١]

**Reference:** Muhammad b. Ismail al-Bukhari, **Sahih al-Bukhari**, 30 – The Book of *as-Saum*, (43) Chapter. When should the person observing *saum* (fast) break his *saum* ?, Volume 3, Hadith # 1955, Page (s) # 111 - 112, translated by Muhammad Muhsin Khan, First Edition July 1997, Dar as-Salam Publishers

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Narrated `Abdullah bin Abi `Aufa: We were in the company of the Prophet (ﷺ) on a journey and he was fasting, and when the sun set, he addressed somebody, "O so-and-so, get up and mix Sawiq with water for us." He replied, "O Allah's Apostle! (Will you wait) till it is evening?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Get down and mix Sawiq with water for us." He replied, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! (If you wait) till it is evening." The Prophet (ﷺ) said again, "Get down and mix Sawiq with water for us." He replied, "It is still daytime."(1) The Prophet (ﷺ) said again, "Get down and mix Sawiq with water for us." He got down and mixed Sawiq for them. **The Prophet (ﷺ) drank it and then said, "When you see night falling from this side, the fasting person should break his fast."**

## Hadith # 2, Sahih al-Muslim, When to break the fast

**[2559] 52 - (1101)** It was narrated that 'Abdullâh bin Abî Awfâ said: "We were with the Messenger of Allâh ﷺ on a journey during the month of Ramaḍân. When the sun set he said: 'O so-and-so, dismount and mix something for us.'[1] He said: 'O Messenger of Allâh, it is still day.' He said: 'Dismount and mix something for us.' So he dismounted and mixed something, and brought it to him. The Prophet ﷺ drank some, then he said, gesturing with his hand: 'When the sun sets from here, and the night comes from here, then it is time for the fasting person to break his fast.'"

[٢٥٥٩] (١١٠١)-٥٢ وحَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ يَحْيَىٰ: أَخْبَرَنَا هُشَيْمٌ، عَنْ أَبِي إِسْحَٰقَ الشَّيْبَانِيِّ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْنِ أَبِي أَوْفَىٰ قَالَ: كُنَّا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللهِ ﷺ فِي سَفَرٍ فِي شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ، فَلَمَّا غَابَتِ الشَّمْسُ قَالَ: «يَا فُلَانُ! انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا» قَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ! إِنَّ عَلَيْكَ نَهَارًا. قَالَ: «انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا» قَالَ: فَنَزَلَ فَجَدَحَ، فَأَتَاهُ بِهِ، فَشَرِبَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ، ثُمَّ قَالَ بِيَدِهِ: «إِذَا غَابَتِ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ هٰهُنَا، وَجَاءَ اللَّيْلُ مِنْ هٰهُنَا، فَقَدْ أَفْطَرَ الصَّائِمُ».

**Reference:** Imam abul Husayn Muslim b. al-Hajjaj, **Sahih al-Muslim**, Book of Fasting, Chapter 10. Clarifying the Time for Ending the fast and the End of the Day, Volume 3, [2559] – 52 – (1101), Page (s) # 163 - 164, ahadith edited and referenced by Shaykh Hafidh abu Tahir Zubayr Ali Za'i, translated by Nasir ad-Din al-Khattab, First Edition 2007, Dar as-Salam Publishers

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'Abdullah b. Abi Aufa reported: We were with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) on a journey during the month of Ramadan. When the sun had sunk he said: So and so, get down (from your ride) and prepare the meal of parched barley for us. He said: Messenger of Allah, still (there is light of) day. He (the Holy Prophet) said: Get down and prepare meal of parched barley for us. So he got down and prepared the meal of parched barley and offered him, and the apostle of Allah (ﷺ) drank that (liquid meal). **He then told with the gesture of his hand that when the sun sank from that side and the night appeared from that side, then the observer of the fast should break it.**

## Hadith # 3, Sahih al-Muslim, When to break the fast

**[2560] 53 -** (...) It was narrated that Ibn Abî Awfâ [may Allâh be pleased with them] said: "We were with the Messenger of Allâh ﷺ on a journey, and when the sun set, he said to one man: 'Dismount and mix something for us.' He said: 'O Messenger of Allâh, why not wait till evening?' He said: 'Dismount and mix something for us.' He said: 'It is still day.' But he dismounted and mixed something for him to drink, then he (ﷺ) said: 'When you see that the night has come from here' - and he pointed towards the east - 'then it is time for the fasting person to break his fast.'"

[٢٥٦٠] ٥٣-(. . .) حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ ابْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ: حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُسْهِرٍ وَعَبَّادُ بْنُ الْعَوَّامِ عَنِ الشَّيْبَانِيِّ، عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي أَوْفَى [رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ] قَالَ: كُنَّا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللهِ ﷺ فِي سَفَرٍ، فَلَمَّا غَابَتِ الشَّمْسُ قَالَ لِرَجُلٍ: «انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا» فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ! لَوْ أَمْسَيْتَ، قَالَ: «انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا» قَالَ: إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا نَهَارًا، فَنَزَلَ فَجَدَحَ لَهُ فَشَرِبَ، ثُمَّ قَالَ «إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ اللَّيْلَ قَدْ أَقْبَلَ مِنْ هَهُنَا - وَأَشَارَ بِيَدِهِ نَحْوَ الْمَشْرِقِ - فَقَدْ أَفْطَرَ الصَّائِمُ».

**Reference:** Imam abul Husayn Muslim b. al-Hajjaj, **Sahih al-Muslim**, Book of Fasting, Chapter 10. Clarifying the Time for Ending the fast and the End of the Day, Volume 3, [2650] – 53 – (..), Page (s) # 164, ahadith edited and referenced by Shaykh Hafidh abu Tahir Zubayr Ali Za'i, translated by Nasir ad-Din al-Khattab, First Edition 2007, Dar as-Salam Publishers

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Ibn Abi Aufa (Allah be pleased with him) reported: We were with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) on a journey. When the sun sank he said to a person: Get down and prepare barley meal for us. Upon this he said: Messenger of Allah, let there be dusk. (He the Holy Prophet) said: Get down and prepare barley meal for us. He (the person) said: There is still (the light of) day upon us. (But) he got down (in obedience to the command of the Holy Prophet) and prepared a barley meal for him and he (the Holy Prophet) drank that (liquid meal) **and then said: When you see the night approaching from that side (west) (and he pointed towards the east with his hand), then the observer of the fast should break it.**

## Hadith # 4, Jami at-Tirmidhi, When to break the fast

**698.** 'Umar bin Al-Khaṭṭāb narrated that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said: "When the night advances and the day retreats, and the sun is hidden, then the fast is to be broken."

(He said:) There are narrations on this topic from Ibn Abī Awfā and Abū Sa'eed. (*Ṣaḥīḥ*)

Abū 'Eīsā said: The *Ḥadīth* of 'Umar is a *Ḥasan Ṣaḥīḥ Ḥadīth*.

٦٩٨ - حَدَّثَنَا هارُونُ بْنُ إِسْحَاقَ الهَمْدَانِيُّ: حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدَةُ [بْنُ سُلَيْمانَ] عَنْ هِشَامِ بْنِ عُرْوَةَ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ عَاصِمِ بْنِ عُمَرَ، عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الخَطَّابِ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: «إِذا أَقْبَلَ اللَّيْلُ وأَدْبَرَ النَّهَارُ وغَابَتِ الشَّمْسُ فَقَدْ أَفْطَرْتَ».

[قَالَ:] وفِي البَابِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي أَوْفَى وأَبِي سَعِيدٍ.

قَالَ أَبُو عِيسَى: حَدِيثُ عُمَرَ حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ صَحِيحٌ.

**تخريج:** متفق عليه، وأخرجه البخاري، الصوم، باب: متى يحل فطر الصائم؟، ح:١٩٥٤ ومسلم، الصيام، باب بيان وقت انقضاء الصوم وخروج النهار، ح:١١٠٠ من حديث هشام بن عروة به * وفي الباب عن ابن أبي أوفى [البخاري، ح:١٩٤١ ومسلم، ح:١١٠١] وأبي سعيد [البخاري قبل، ح:١٩٥٤ تعليقًا].

**Reference:** Imam Hafidh abu Isa Muhammad b. Isa at-Tirmidhi, **Jami at-Tirmidhi**, Chapter 12: What has been related about, When the Night advances and the Day retreats, then the fasting Person breaks the fast, Volume 2, Hadith # 698, Page (s) # 146 - 147, *ahadith* edited and referenced by Shaykh Hafidh abu Tahir Zubayr Ali Za'i, translated by Abu Khaliyl, First Edition 2007, Dar as-Salam Publishers

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Umar bin Al-Khattab narrated that: The Messenger of Allah said: "**When the night advances and the day retreats**, and the sun is hidden, then the fast is to be broken."

## Hadith # 5, Jami at-Tirmidhi, When to break the fast

**2352.** It was reported from 'Abdullāh bin Abī Awfā, that he said: "We accompanied the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ on a journey while he was fasting. When the sun set he said: "O Bilal! Dismount and mix some *Sawīq* for us." He said: "O Messenger of Allāh! If you waited till the evening!" He said: "Dismount and mix some *Sawīq* for us." He said: "O Messenger of Allāh! The day still remains with you." He said: "Dismount and mix some *Sawīq* for us." He got down and prepared it. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ drank from it and then said: "If you see the night approaching from here, it is time for a fasting person to break the fast," and he pointed towards east with his finger. (*Ṣaḥīḥ*)

٢٣٥٢ - حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ: حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْوَاحِدِ: حَدَّثَنَا سُلَيْمانُ الشَّيْبَانِيُّ: سَمِعْتُ عَبْدَ اللهِ بنَ أبي أوْفَى يقُولُ: سِرْنَا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللهِ ﷺ وَهُوَ صَائِمٌ، فَلَمَّا غَرَبَتِ الشَّمْسُ قال: «يَابِلَالُ! انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا». قال: يَارَسُولَ اللهِ! لَوْ أمْسَيْتَ. قال: «انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا». قال: يَارَسُولَ اللهِ! إنَّ عَلَيْكَ نَهَارًا. قال: «انْزِلْ فَاجْدَحْ لَنَا». فَنَزَلَ فَجَدَحَ، فَشَرِبَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ ثُمَّ قال: «إذَا رَأيْتُمُ اللَّيْلَ قَدْ أقْبَلَ مِنْ هٰهُنَا فَقَدْ أفْطَرَ الصَّائِمُ»، وَأشَارَ بِإصْبَعِهِ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ.

**Reference:** Imam Hafidh abu Dawud Sulayman b. Ash'ath, **Sunan abu-Dawud**, The Book of Fasting, Chapter 19. The tiem for the Fasting to break his fast, Volume 3, Hadith # 2352, Page (s) # 128, ahadith referenced and edited by Hafidh abu Tahir Zubayr Ali Za'i, translated by Nasir ad-Din al-Khattab, First Edition 2008, Dar as-Salam Publishers

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Narrated 'Abd Allah b. Abi Awfa: We went along with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) while he was fasting. When the sun set, he said to Bilal: Bilal, come down and prepare barley beverage for us. He said: Messenger of Allah, would that you waited for the evening. He said: Come down and prepare barley beverage for us. He said: Messenger of Allah, the say still remains on you (i.e. there remains the brightness of the day). He said: Come down and prepare barley drink for us. So he came down and prepared barley drink. **The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) drank it and said: When you see that the night approaches from this side, he who fasts has reached the time to break it ; and he pointed to the east with his finger.**